

### REMARKS

A Power of Attorney is being filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-16 were pending in this application. In the office action mailed October 28, 2005 claims 1, 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gendel, et al. (U.S. Patent 6,115,407). Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gendel in view of Souissi, et al. (U.S. Patent 5,809,059). Claims 7, 8, and 11-16 were deemed allowable. Claim 3 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Claims 6, 9, 11, 13, and 16 were objected to due to informalities.

The Examiner is thanked for indicated allowable subject matter.

In this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 16 have been amended. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-2, and 4-16 will be pending.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite all the limitations of claim 3. Claim 6 has been amended to correct informalities. Accordingly, claim 1, and all the dependent claims thereto should be in allowable condition.

Claim 9 has been amended to depend on claim 1. Claim 10 has been amended to correct informalities. Accordingly, at least for their dependence on an allowable claim, claims 9 and 10 should also be in allowable condition.

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Claims, 11, 13, and 16 have been amended to correct informalities, and should also be in allowable condition.

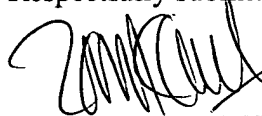
In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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